



Los Angeles County  
Children's Planning Council  
*Improving Children's Lives*

June 4, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING  
COUNCIL FOR FIVE YEARS, AND APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE  
COUNCIL'S ORDINANCE  
(All Districts) (Three Votes)**

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

2. Approve the continuation of the Children's Planning Council for five years.  
Approve the attached ordinance amending Chapter 3.69 of the Los Angeles County Code extending the tenure of the Council to July 1, 2008.

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Council's current tenure terminates on July 1, 2003.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

On February 8, 1998, your Board adopted *Laying the Groundwork for Change—Los Angeles County's First Action Plan for Its Children, Youth, and Families*. This Plan outlined the Council's work over its first decade. Much has been accomplished to encourage collaboration and integration of services across public and private sector agencies since the Plan was adopted, including the development of the five outcomes of child well-being (good health, social and emotional well-being, safety and survival, economic well-being, and education and workforce readiness) and the Children's ScoreCard; the development and ongoing investments to the

Service Planning Area (SPA) and American Indian Children's (AIC) Councils – the infrastructure needed to encourage the County's partnerships with communities and the vehicle to ensuring that communities have a voice on matters related to children and families; and the development and tracking of data to promote a focus on results and on more appropriate resource allocation; and the children's budget, now a formal process through the CAO's office. In addition, the Council has continued to serve as a neutral convener and broker to address critical issues, such as the Safe Haven Law, the CalWORKs/LTFSS budget prioritization process, the school readiness indicators, the Family Resource Center recommendations, and many others.

In 2001, the Children's Planning Council assessed its accomplishments and re-assessed its work toward achieving the five outcomes. This reassessment resulted in a new Council structure and workplan (Attachment A), focusing on three "arenas of action" that we believe will help further our mission of improving children's lives across the five outcomes:

- Transforming the systems that serve children and families
2. Strengthening the capacity of community to act on its own behalf
3. Building a countywide commitment to outcomes

While these are broad in nature, they continue to reinforce the direction described in the original CPC Action Plan and approved by your Board. The transforming systems work continues to place the Children's Planning Council as a critical partner with the County health and human services departments to promote policies, practices, and services that result in better outcomes for children and families.

The strengthening community capacity work is geared toward enhancing the SPA/AIC Council enterprise to serve as a bridge between County and community. While the councils continue to develop strategies in partnership with various County departments, they have evolved to primarily focus on community engagement efforts that will help improve various indicators across the five outcomes. A particular focus by all councils on school readiness and school success is serving to demonstrate the power of joint coordinated action and is serving as a vehicle for First 5 LA to engage communities on school readiness issues.

The third arena of action – building a countywide commitment to outcomes – is serving to mobilize various stakeholders throughout the county to adopt and commit to the five outcomes. To date, the City of Los Angeles, First 5 LA, the Los Angeles Education Foundation, and the Los Angeles Unified School District have adopted the five outcomes.

In addition, the Children's Planning Council continues to serve as the principal source throughout Los Angeles County for data on the well-being of children. This data is provided through the work of the Council's Data Partnership for Children and Families to promote action on behalf of health, human, and education services as well as community organizations and agencies throughout the county.

The Council's tenure needs to be extended to continue to carry out the Board-adopted action plan and the Council's new workplan.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:**

The Children's Planning Council's work served as the impetus for Goal 5 of the County's Strategic Plan – Children and Families' Well-Being – and continues to serve as a partner with the CAO Service Integration Branch in the implementation of Goal 5. The Council is a lead partner on various elements of the Service Integration Action Plan (SIAP) recommendations. The SIAP represents one of the key objectives of Goal 5, which helps move the County's service integration efforts forward.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

None

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS:**

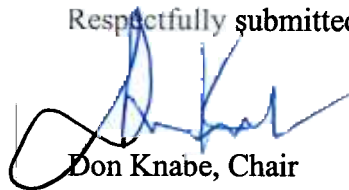
Section 3.69 of the County Code should be changed as outlined in the attachment to this motion.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:**

The work of the Children's Planning Council serves to move forward the County's Vision for Children:

*"Los Angeles County children should reach adulthood having experienced a safe, healthy, and nurturing childhood which prepares them to become responsible and contributing members of the community."*

Respectfully submitted,




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Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council

cc: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller  
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## ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Children's Planning Council, to extend the tenure of the Council to July 1, 2008.

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05/28/03 (Requested)

05/28/03 (Revised)

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Children's Planning Council, to extend the tenure of the Council to July 1, 2008.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 3.69.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3.69.080      Tenure of the council.**

On July 1, 2003~~8~~, the tenure of the council will terminate unless before that date, the board of supervisors makes the determination that the council is still necessary and adopts a motion to continue the council.

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# CPC Focus & Work Plan Summary

*Adopted November 2001*

## Overview

### What is CPC's Focus For the Next Decade?

CPC's theory of change has crystallized into three "arenas of action," which we believe can lead to better outcomes for children and which builds on our first decade of work and accomplishments:

#### ▶ Strengthening Community Capacity

Communities throughout L.A. County continuously improve their capacity to contribute significantly to the five outcomes for children and families.

- Key to this effort is our partnership with and support to the SPA/AIC Councils – our link to the community.

#### ▶ Transforming the Systems that Serve Children and Families

The L.A. County system of human services—including County departments and agencies, other government departments and agencies, community-based organizations, and other community structures—provides services and supports that contribute significantly to the five outcomes for children and families.

- Key to this effort is our work with county departments and other entities. Our focus will be on data, the Children's Budget, Goal 5, the Service Integration Action Plan, and the Family Support Principles/FRCs.

#### ▶ Building Countywide Commitment to Outcomes

Communities and leadership institutions throughout L.A. County publicly commit to, and act in ways that contribute to, the five outcomes for children and families.

- Key to this effort is our communication, outreach to, and engagement of stakeholders across the county, e.g. cities, schools, faith-based and community-based organizations, etc.

Our workplan for the next few years lays out specific strategies, projects, and deliverables that we believe will help us get to better results – and will build on the Council's Four Strategic Directions for Change, adopted by the Board in 1996. While distinct, each arena of action relates to and impacts the others, requiring great coordination and communication. The Council will develop an evaluation plan with benchmarks to measure its progress along the way, ensuring that our work is making a difference on the five outcomes for children.

### How Does School Readiness/School Success Fit In?

Focusing on school readiness and school success is an engagement strategy that we believe can help demonstrate the power of joint, coordinated action across the SPA/AIC Councils. It is an opportunity to connect the five outcomes for children to one common purpose. Indeed, to improve the readiness of LA County's children for school and their success in school requires that, as a County, we make progress on the five outcomes for children and families. We will support the Councils in their efforts to engage local communities in developing community action plans, and will build partnerships with Proposition 10, United Way, and others to deepen each other's countywide work.

### What about the Data Partnership for Children and Families?

The Data Partnership – staffed by CPC – will be instrumental in providing the technical resources and support to each of the three arenas described above. Its functions will include data collection, data analysis, data development, training, technical assistance, and the development of products – such as reports, scorecards, etc. Partners, which will be members of the Data Partnership Committee, will include researchers, data experts, county departments, and community. They will serve in an advisory capacity to the Data Partnership staff and the CPC.

### How will CPC Accomplish its Work?

To effectively carry out its work, the Council will align its committee structure to the three arenas of action; will ensure an adequate level of staff support; and will continue to expand its efforts to secure public and private sector resources. Increased support from the County of Los Angeles and its partner departments will be essential.

- **Committee Structure:** Strengthening Community Capacity Committee, Transforming Systems Committee Executive Committee, Data Partnership Committee, Executive Committee will be responsible for the work under Building Countywide Commitment to Outcomes and will work to support all efforts, including accountability. All committees are open to individuals that would like to participate.
- **Staff Leadership Team of 5:** Executive Director, Data Partnership Director, Transforming Systems Director, Strengthening Community Capacity Director, and Director of Organizational Development.